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SUBJECT: TOP LEVEL CHANGES IN FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY

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1. INFORMED GERMAN SOURCE HAS TOLD US (AND DPA OCT 29

CARRIES BRIEF REPORT TO SAME EFFECT) THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAS DECIDED ON THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE TOP LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TO BE ANNOUNCED SOME TIME THIS WEEK.

A) CSCE DELEGATION CHIEF (AND FOREIGN OFFICE PLANNING STAFF DIRECTOR) GUIDO BRUNNER WILL REPLACE ROLF DAHRENDORF IN BRUSSELS AS EC COMMISSIONER

B) BRUNNER WILL BE SUCCEDED BOTH IN GENEVA AND IN THE PLANNING STAFF BY KLAUS BLECH' PRESENTLY HEAD OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIVISION'S EAST/WEST SECTION.

C) BLECH WILL BE REPLACED BY ANDREAS MEYER LANDRUT IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE BIO INFORMATION ON ALL THREE IN SEPTEL.

2. THESE CHANGES REFLECT A VARIETY OF PRESSURES. THE FDP, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO REPLACE DAHRENDORF QUICKLY IN BRUSSELS, AND BRUNNER WAS PROBABLY A REASONABLE, IF FAIRLY LOW-LEVEL CHOICE GIVEN HIS FDP AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS BACKGROUND. GENSCHER IS ALSO KNOWN TO BE SEEKING YOUNGER AND MORE DYNAMIC PEOPLE IN THE KEY SPOTS IN THE MINISTRY. BY CHOOSING BLECH AND MEYER LANDRUT, BOTH OF THEM IN THEIR MID 40'S' HE HAS CHOSEN TWO OF THE MORE INTELLIGENT AND DYNAMIC OF THE YOUNGER GERMAN DIPLOMATS.
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